

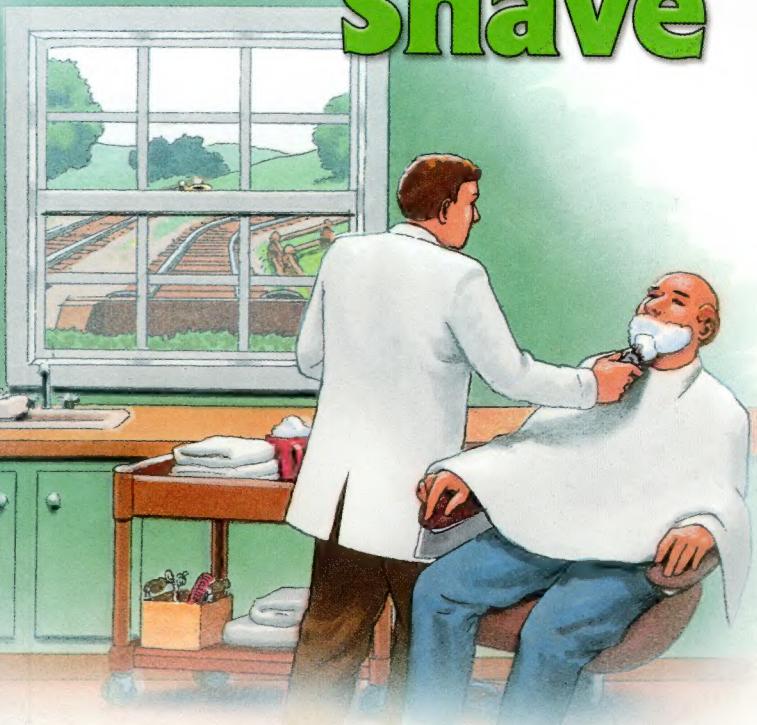
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THOMAS  
& FRIENDS™

# The Close Shave



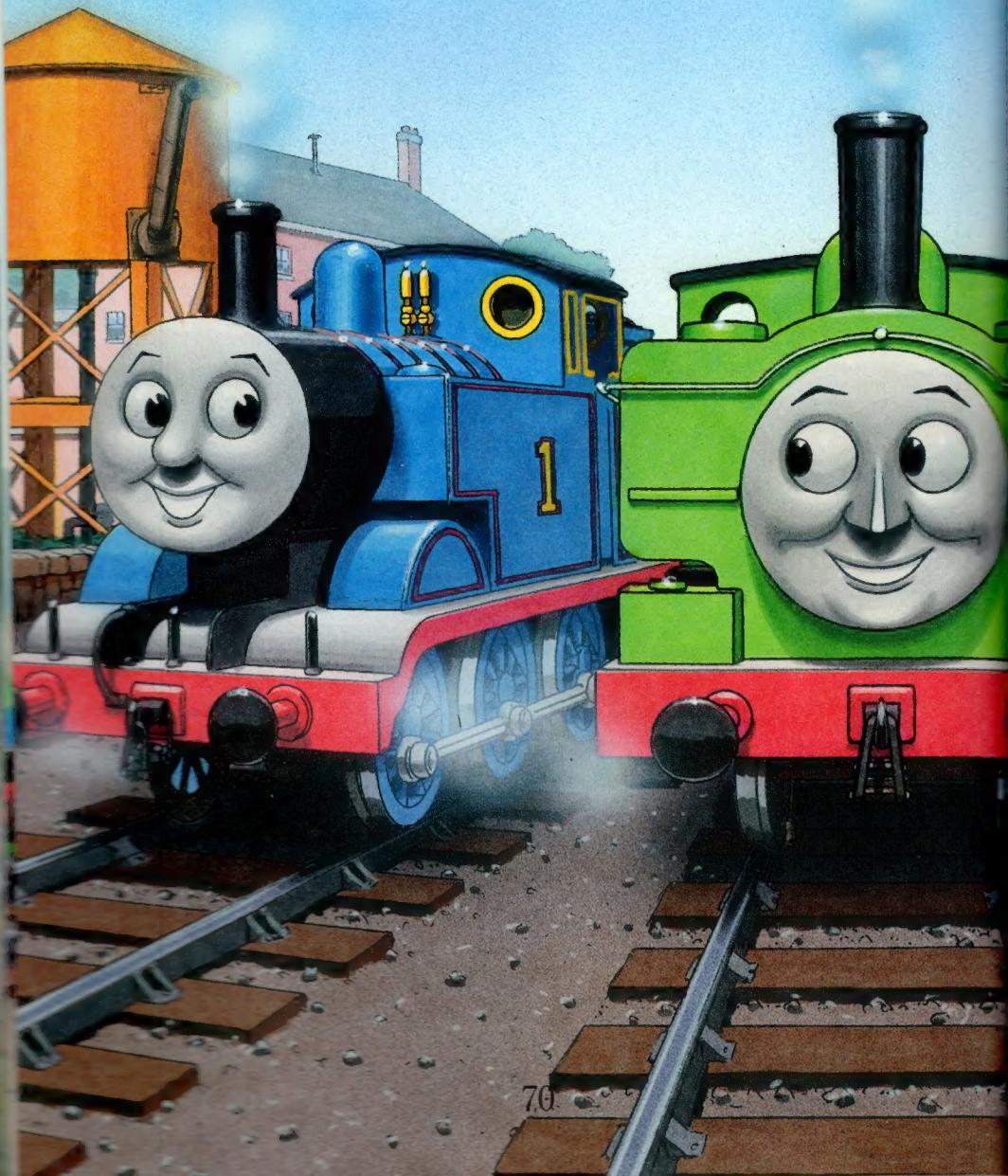
Based on The Railway Series  
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# Thomas and Duck

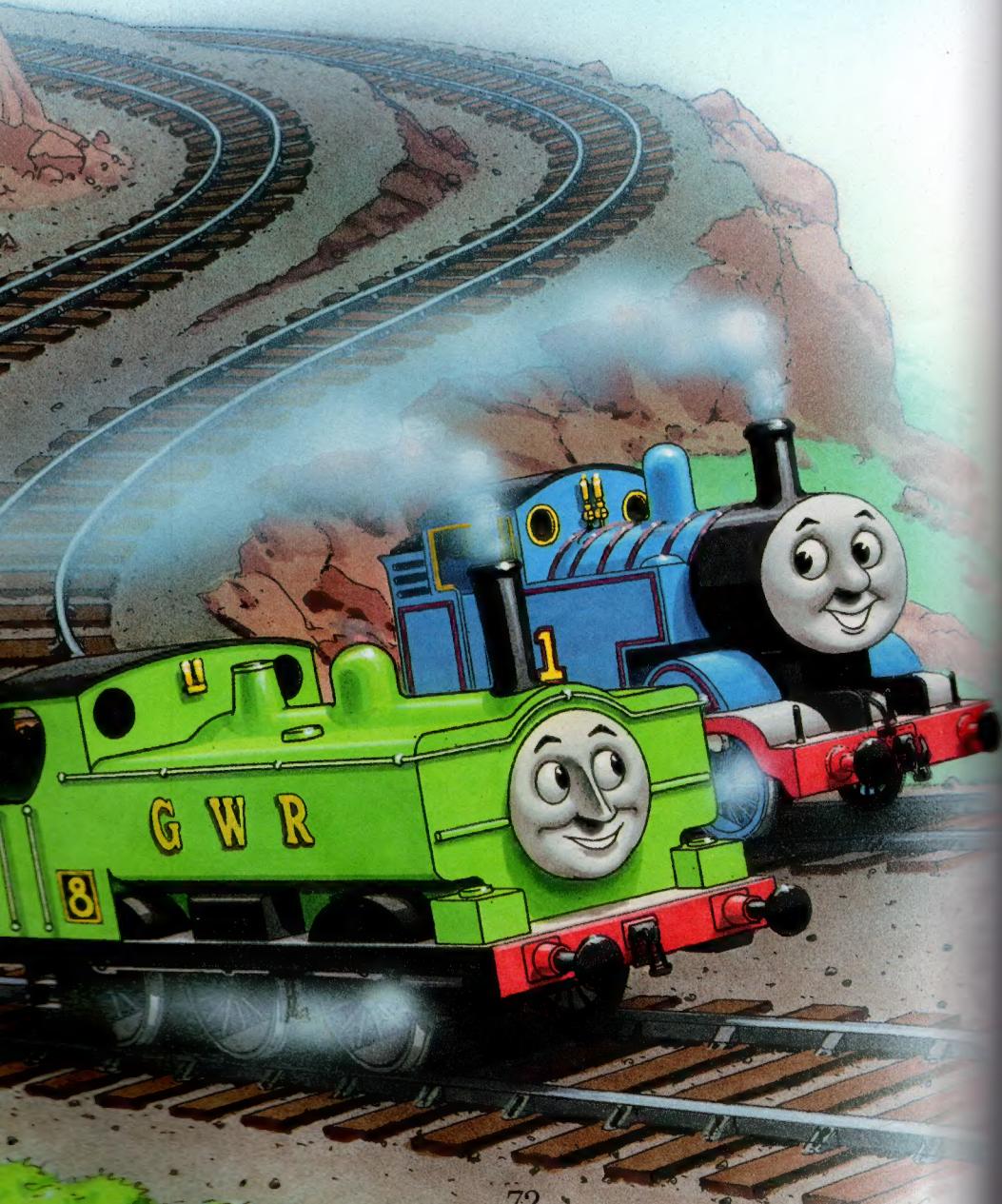
## are friends.



They are  
not friends with the  
Troublesome Trucks.



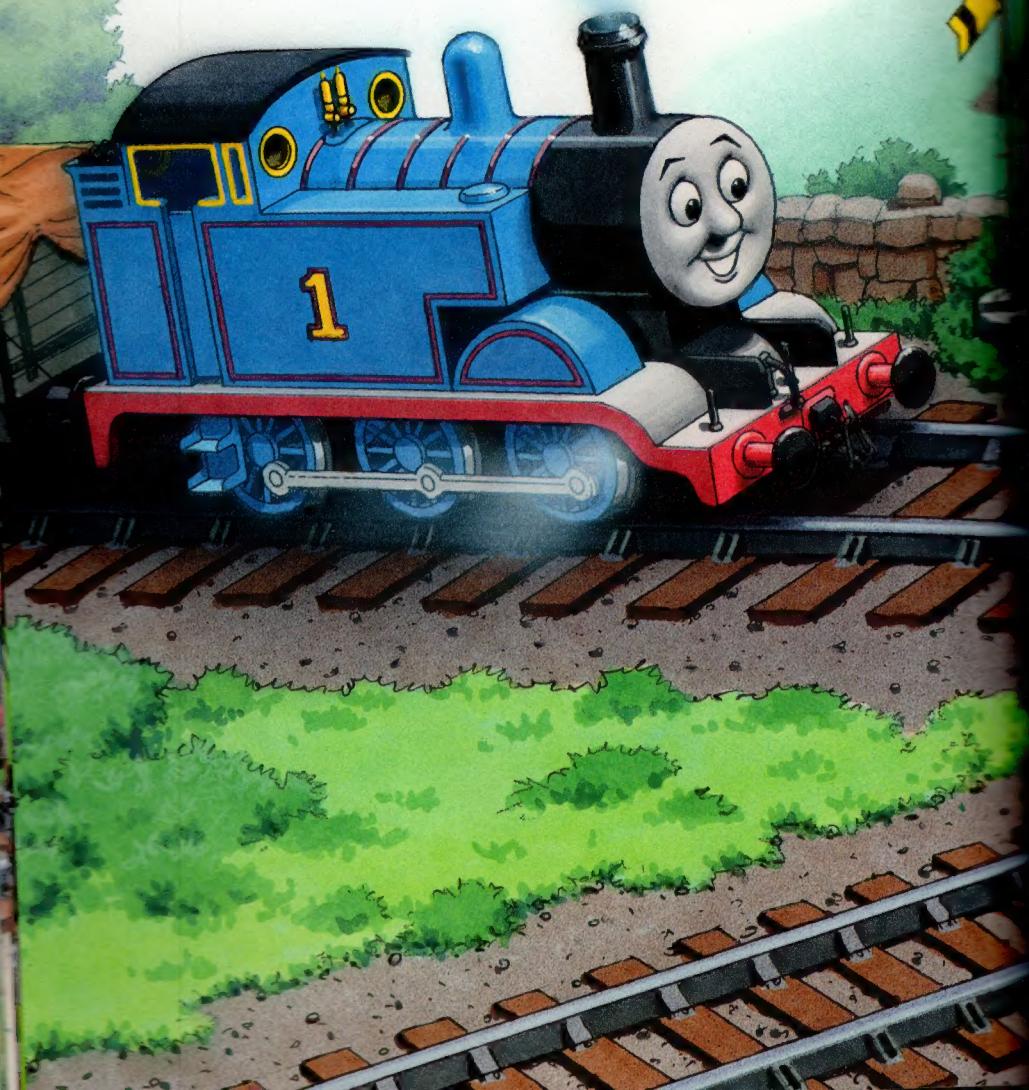
They like  
to chug up hills.

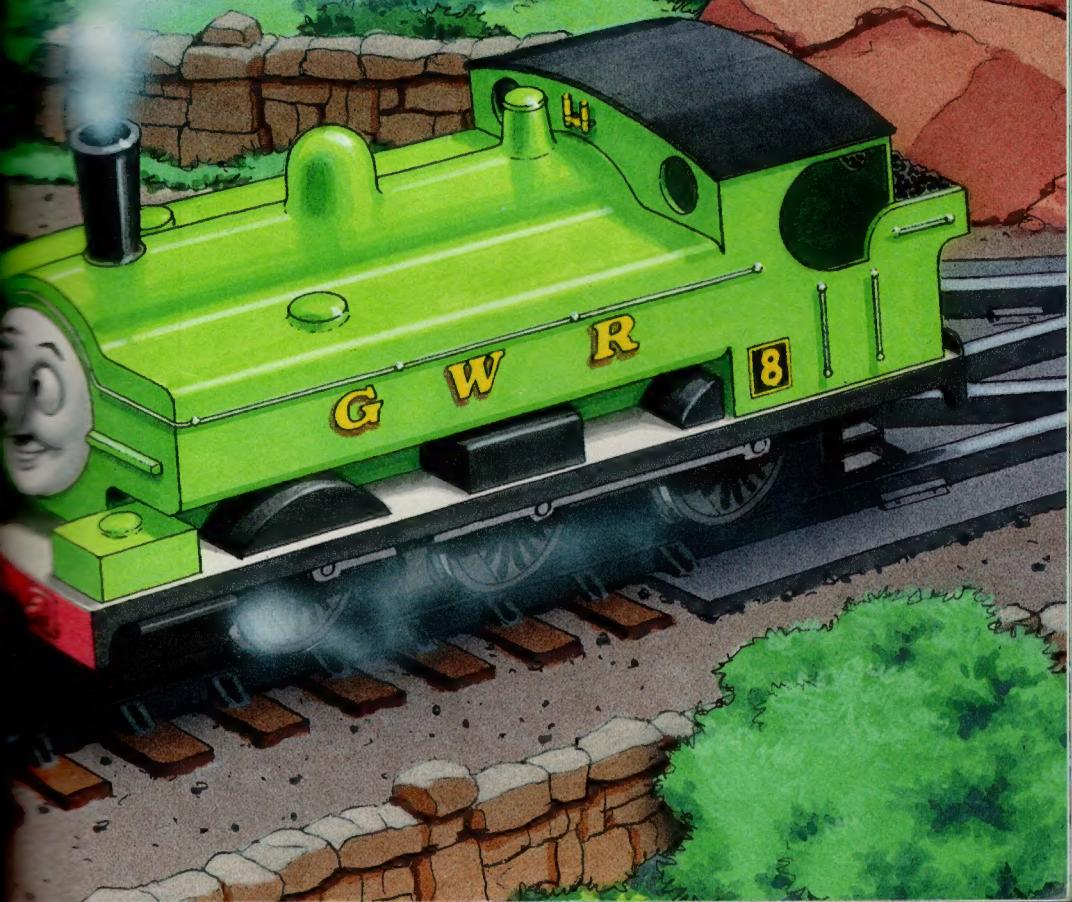


They like  
to zip down hills.

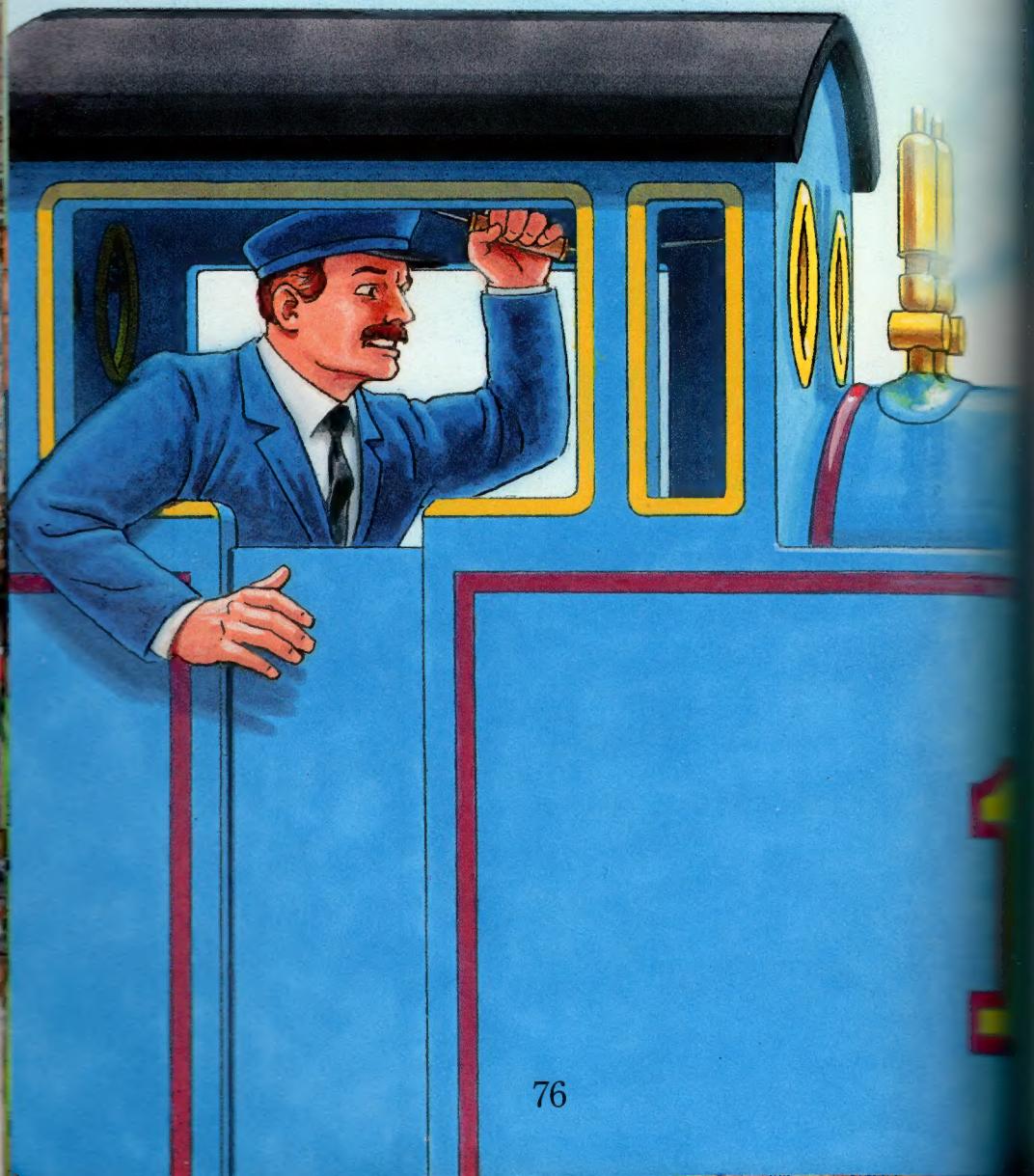


One day,  
Duck was zipping  
down a hill.  
Hello, Thomas!





Duck heard  
a warning whistle.



“Peeeeeeep! Peeeeeeep!”





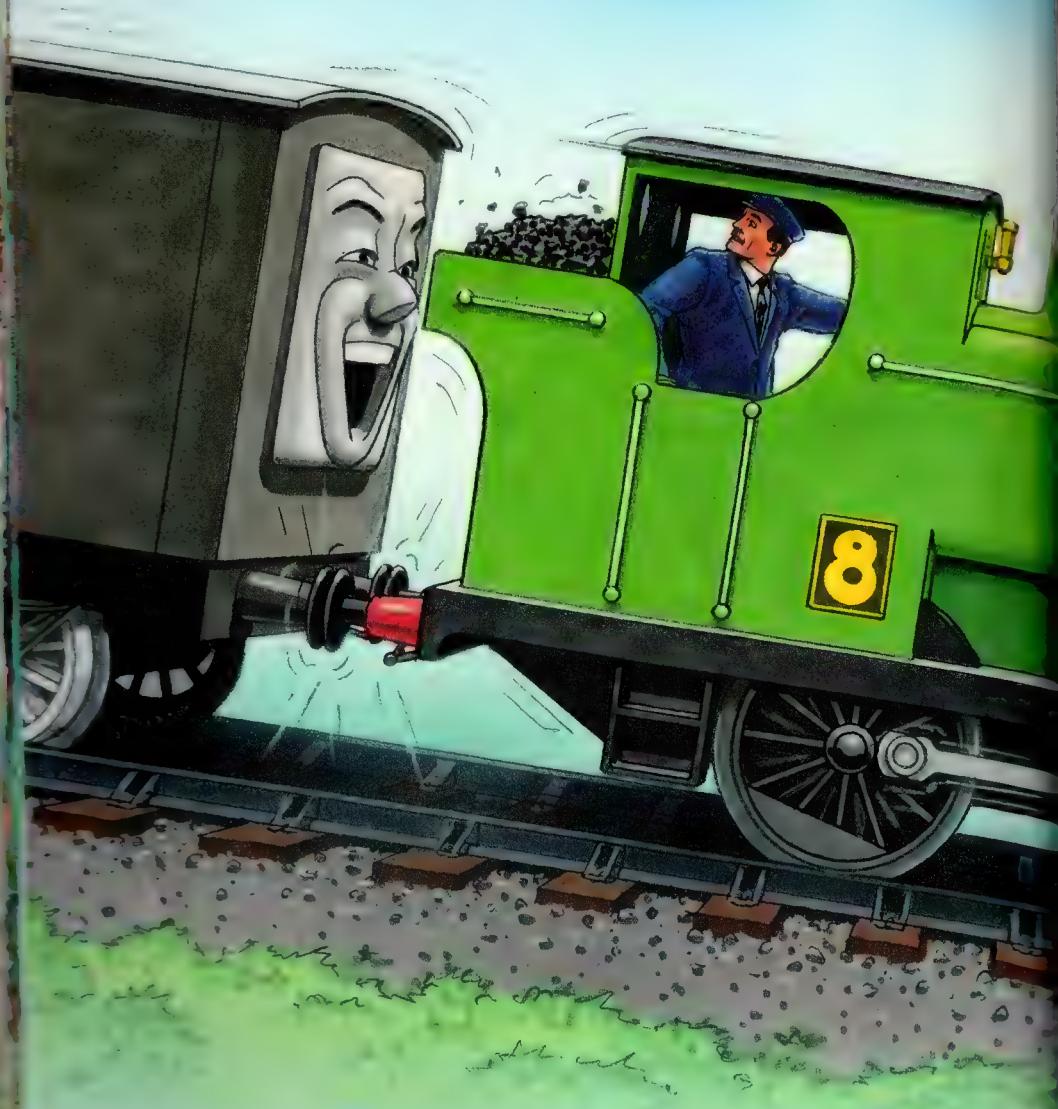
Trucks had run away  
from Thomas.

# Go, Duck!

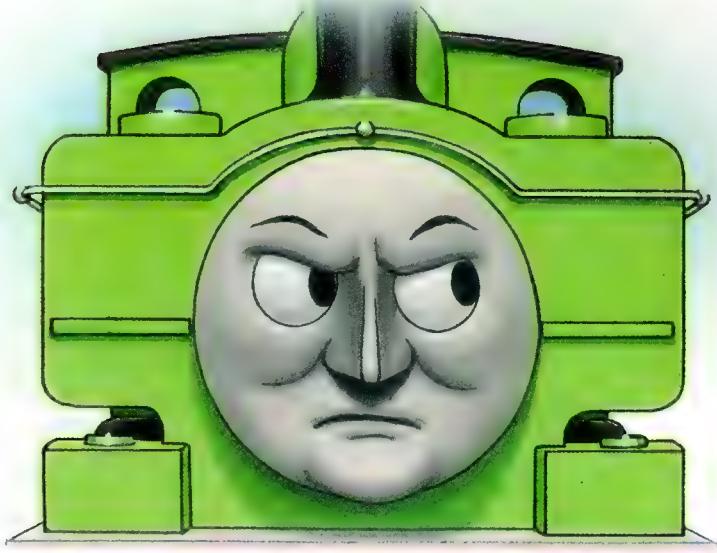
# No! Trucks!



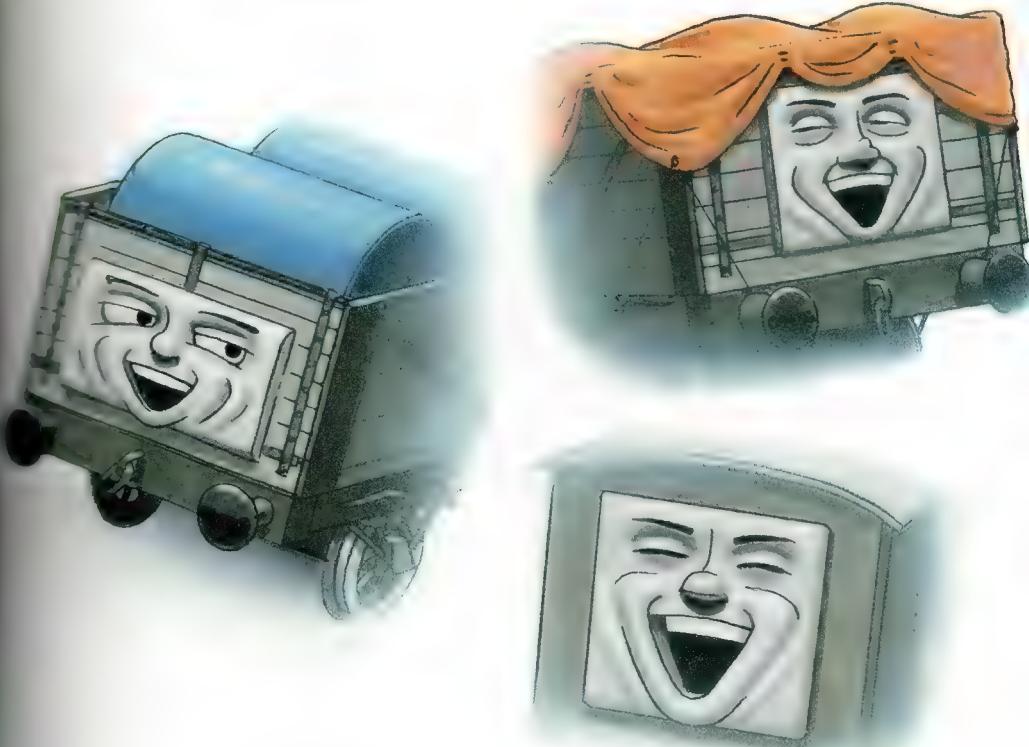
# The Trucks bumped Duck.



# Mad Duck!



# Glad Trucks!





Duck and the Trucks  
rushed down the hill.



Duck saw  
the end of the line.  
Duck had to stop!





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Duck crashed  
into the barber shop.



# Sad Duck!

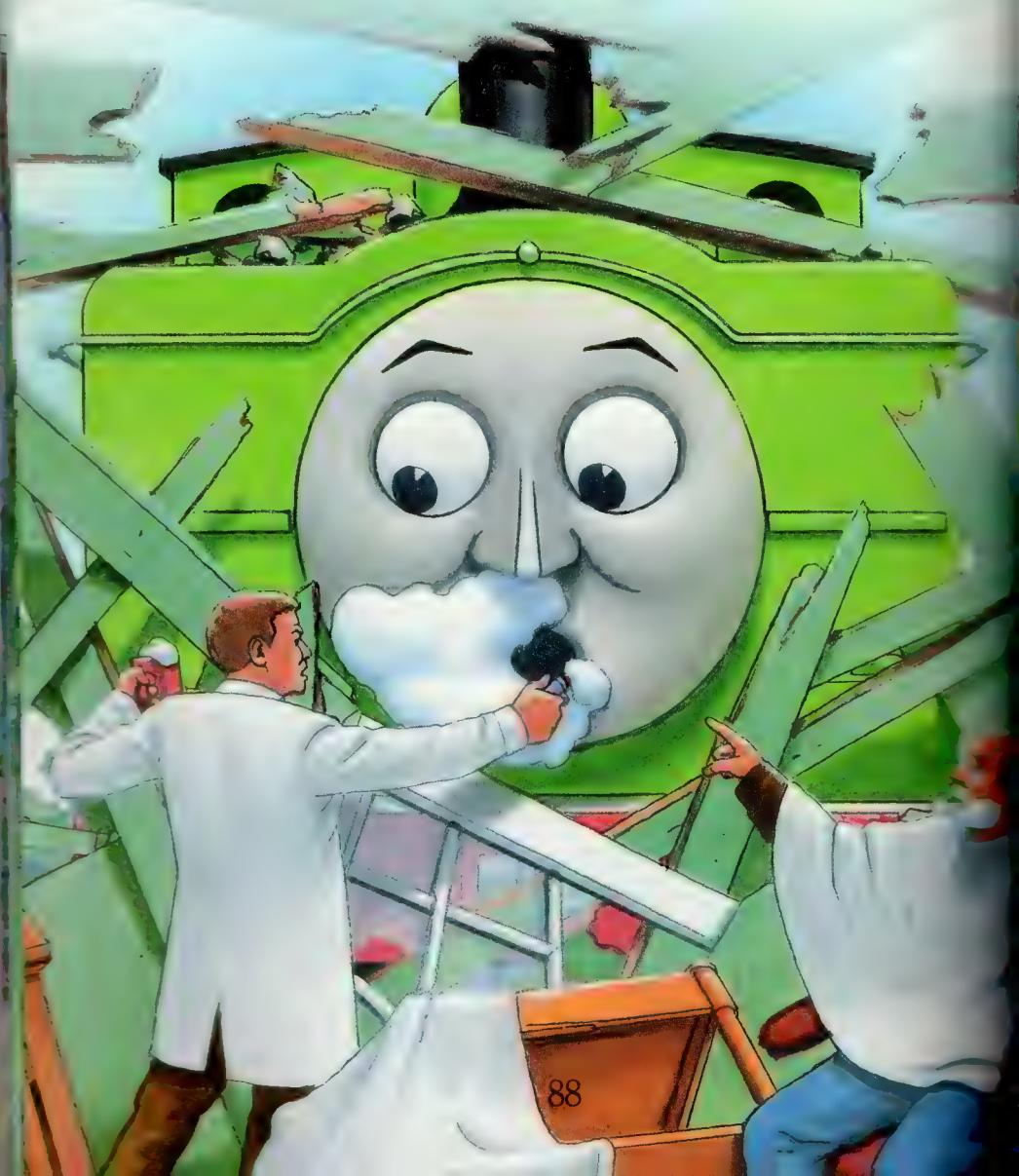
# Bad Trucks!



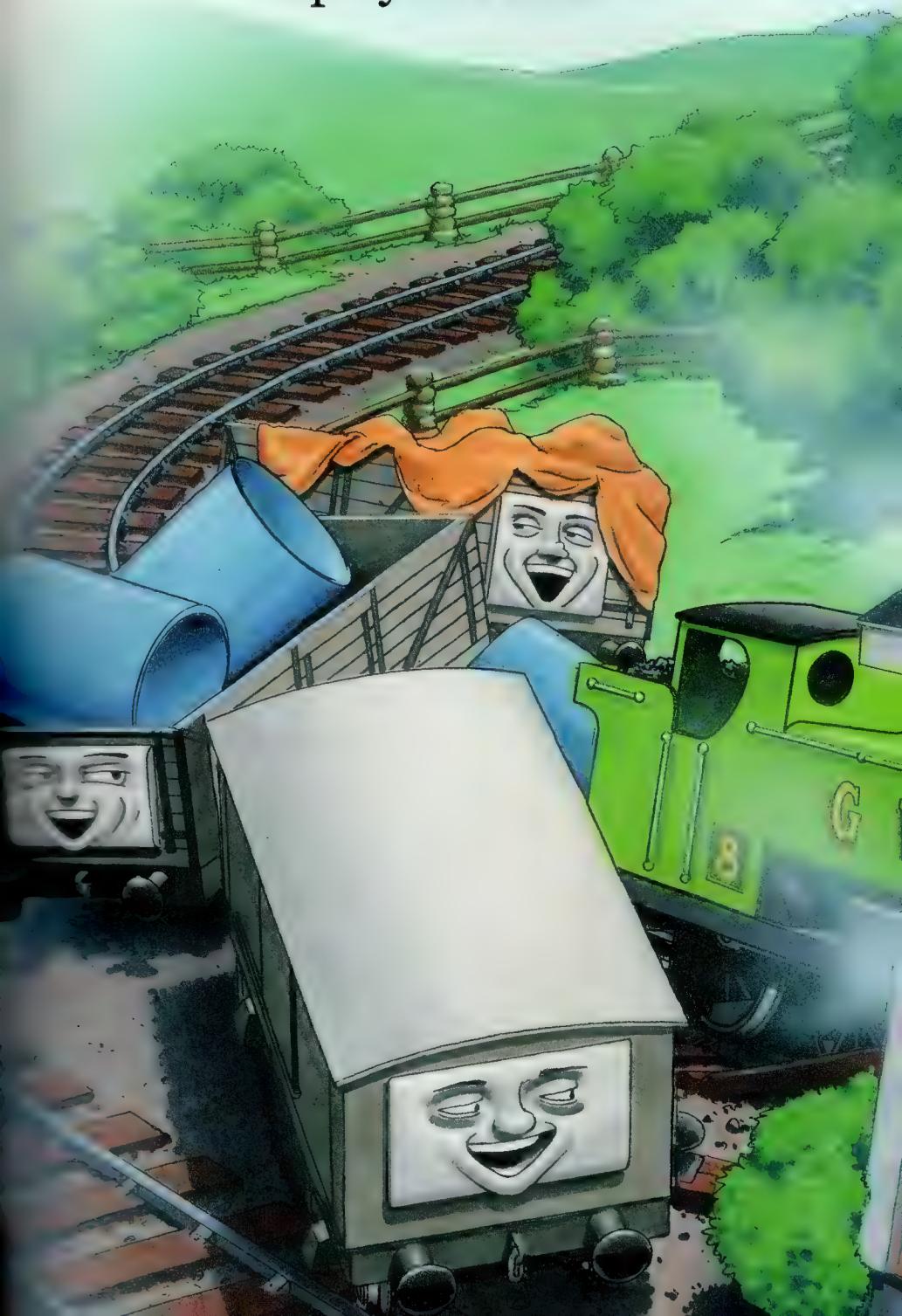
The barber

was cross.

Soapy Duck.

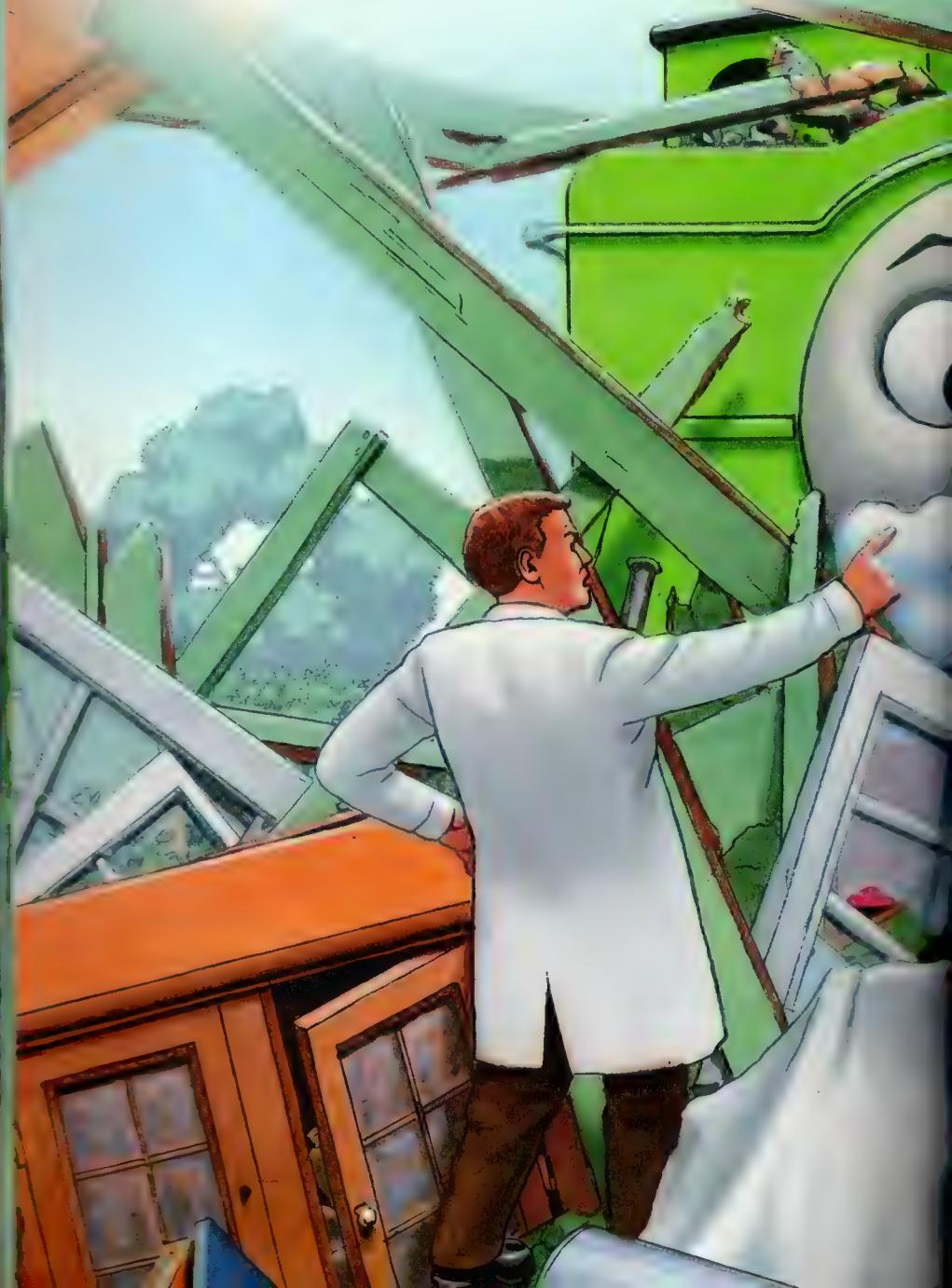


# Dopey Trucks!



“I am sorry,”

said Duck.



“I had to stop  
the runaway Trucks.”

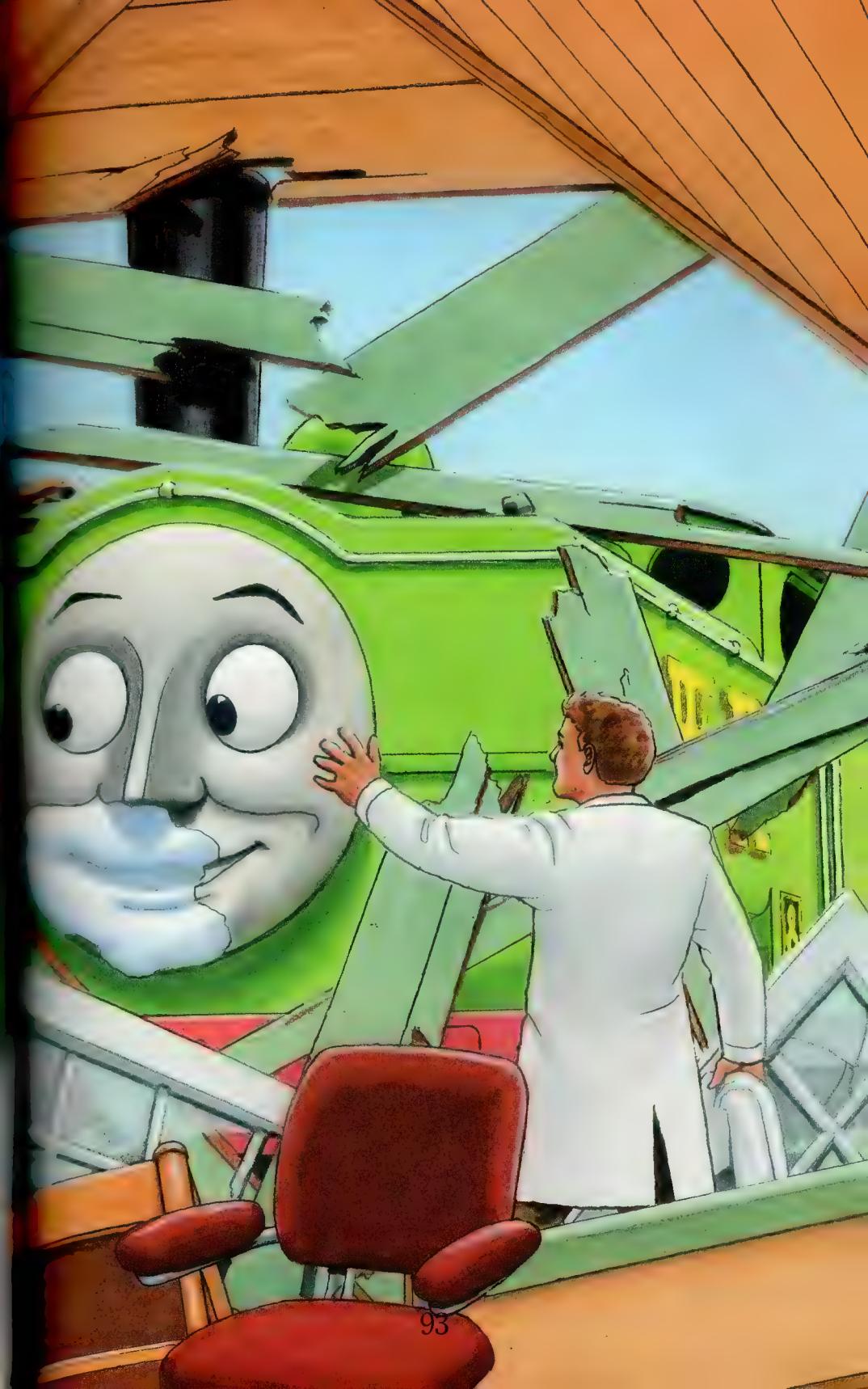


No one was hurt.

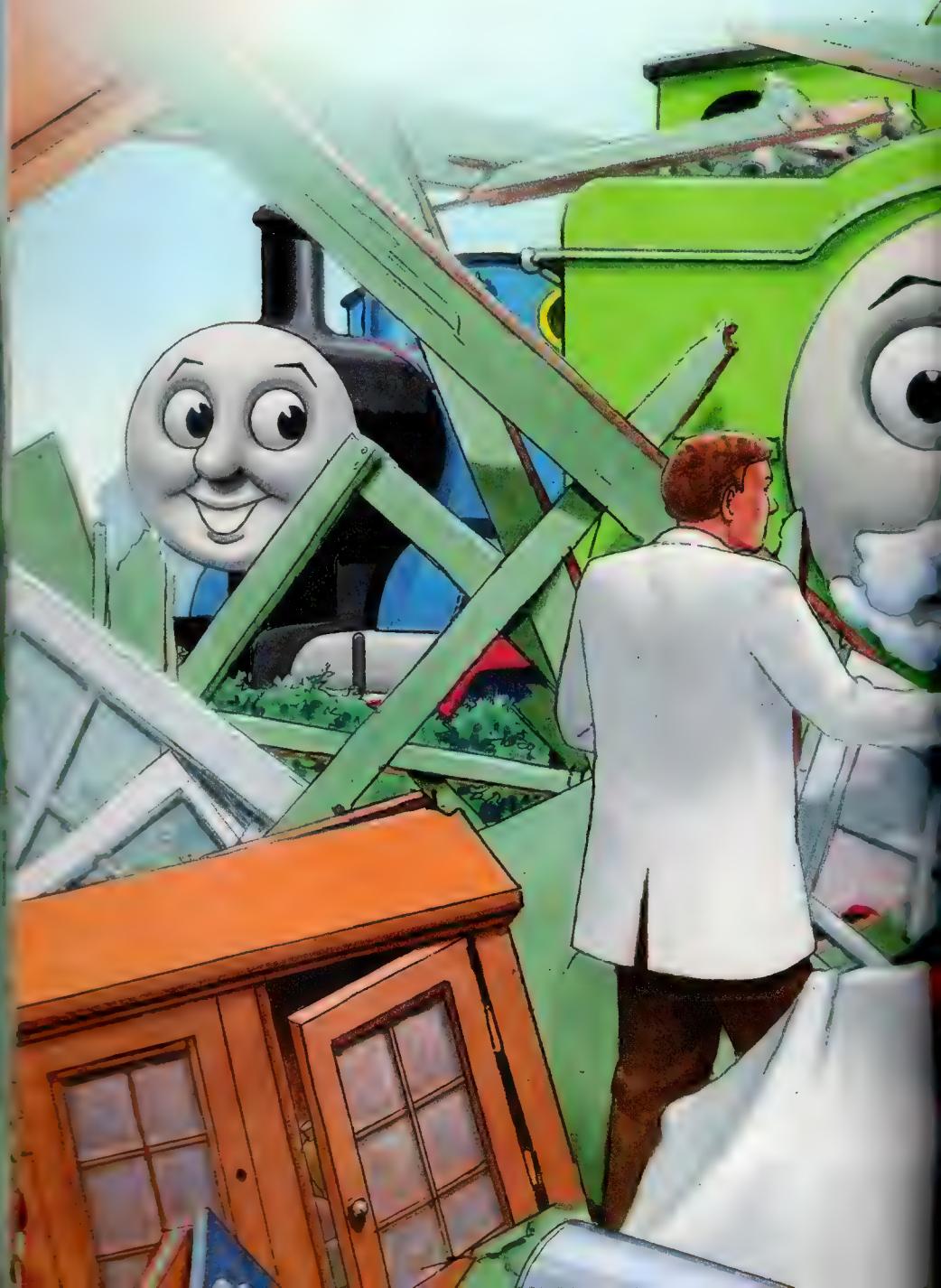
The shop could be fixed.

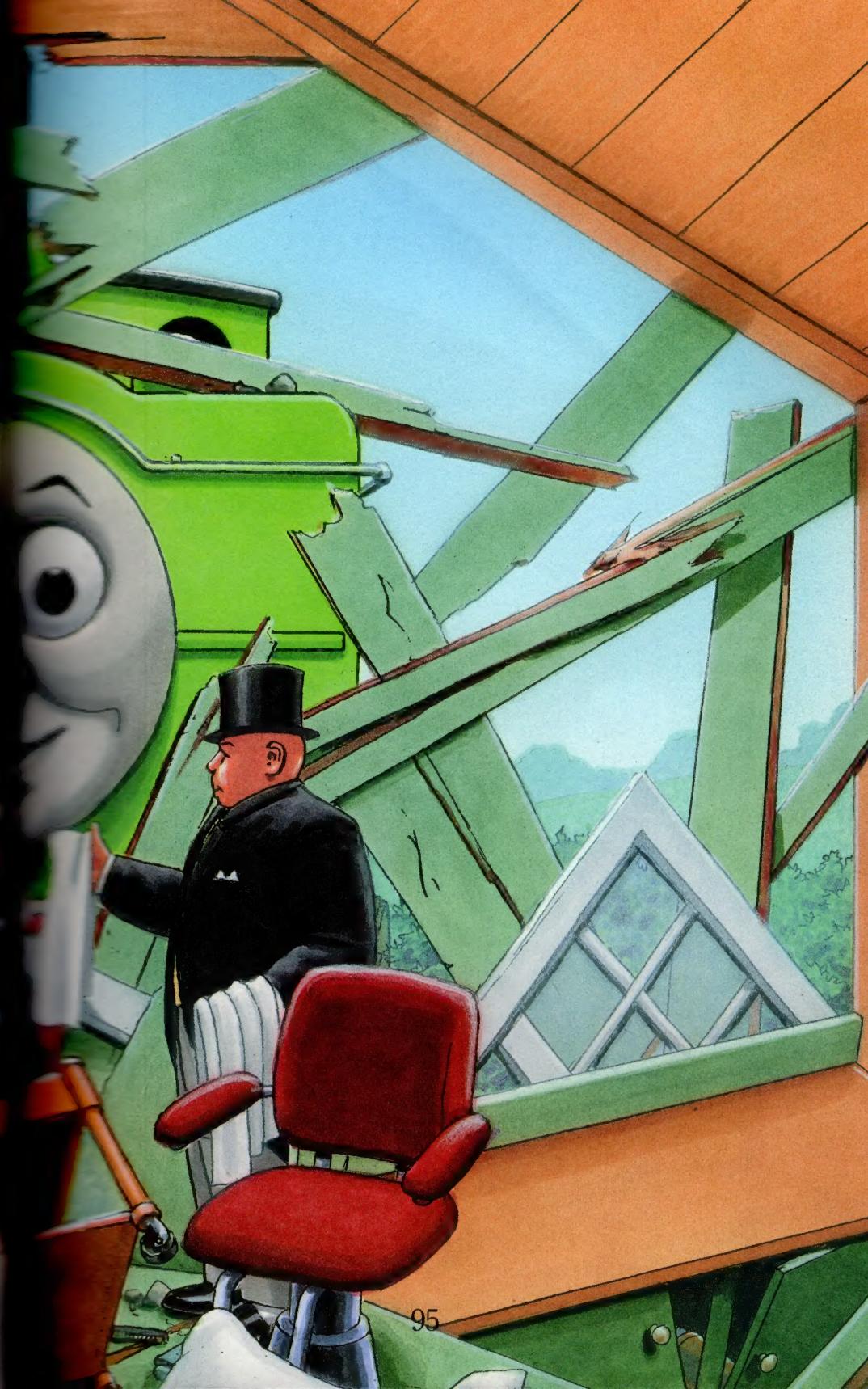
Duck was a hero!





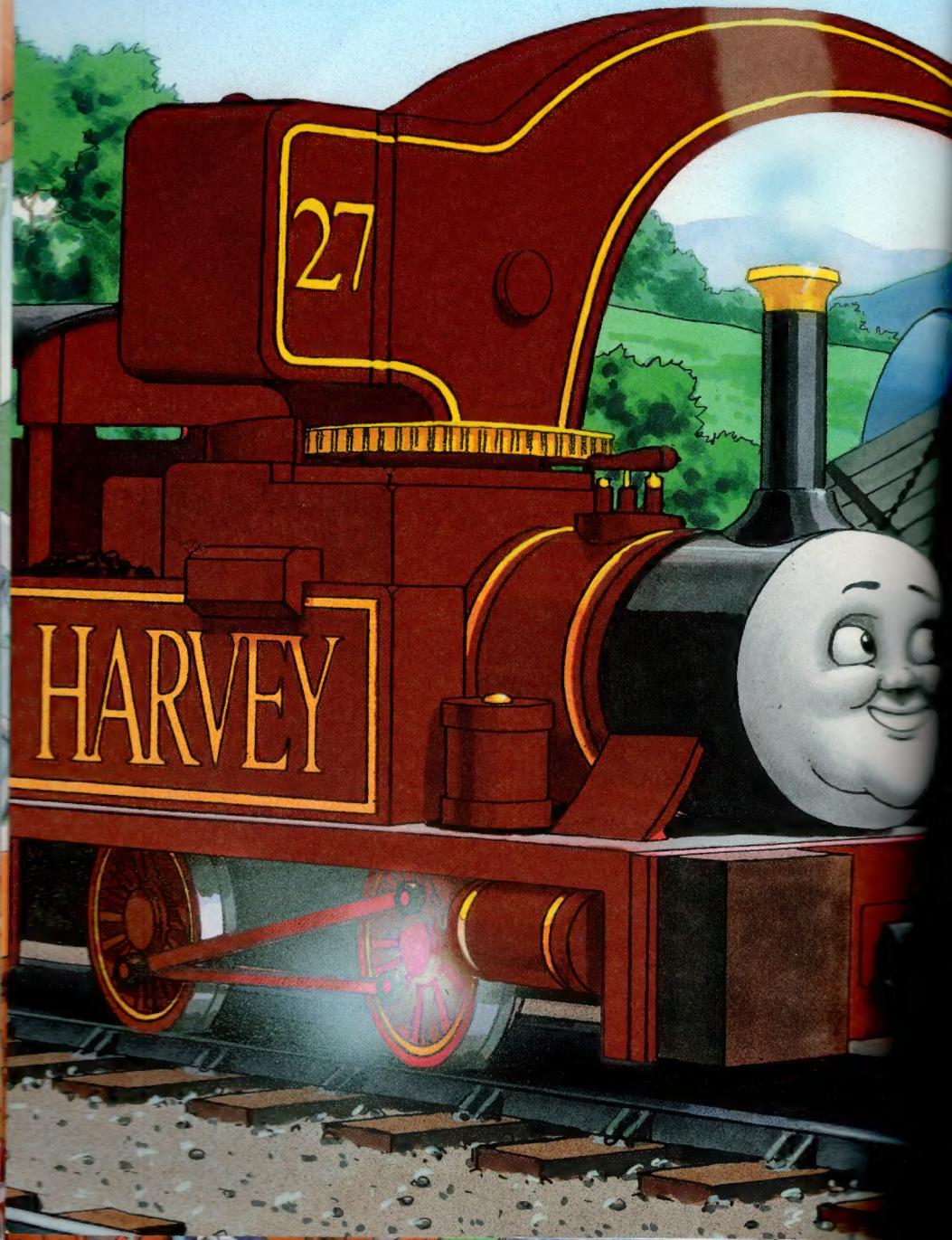
Duck got cleaned up.

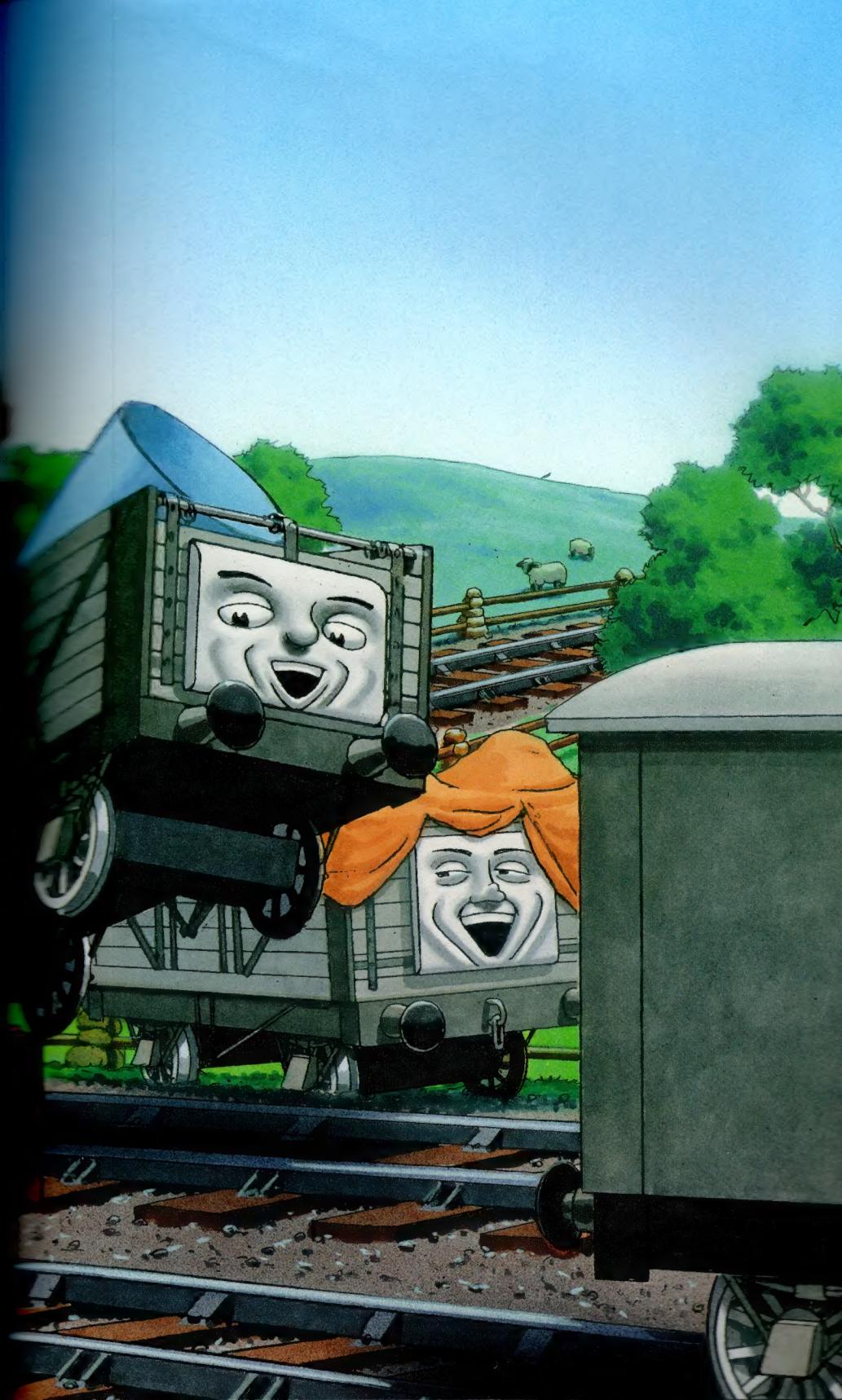




# The Trucks

got picked up.





Duck had  
a close shave!

